

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to)	CC Docket No. 94-102
Ensure)	
Compatibility with Enhanced 911)	
Emergency)	
Calling Systems)	WT Docket No. 01-309
)	
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's)	
Rules)	WT Docket No. 03-264
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible)	
Telephones)	
)	
Biennial Regulatory Review –)	
Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, and)	WT Docket No. 06-169
90 to Streamline and Harmonize)	
Various Rules Affecting Wireless Radio)	
Services)	
)	
Former Nextel)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Communications, Inc. Upper)	
700 MHz Guard Band Licenses)	
and Revisions to Part 27 of the)	
Commission's Rules)	WT Docket No. 96-86
)	
Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable)	
Public Safety Network in the)	
700 MHz Band)	
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Development of Operational, Technical)	
and Spectrum Requirements for)	
Meeting Federal, State and Local Public)	
Safety Communications Requirements)	
Through the Year 2010)	

COMMENTS OF ETMC EMS

ETMC EMS hereby submits these reply comments in response to the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above-captioned proceedings.

It has become apparent to ETMC EMS that the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making for the 700 MHz frequency band will take control and choice away from local agencies and allow the Federal Government to dictate what type of data communications system we implement. Our EMS units, Tyler Police and Fire units and the Smith County Sheriff's units will all be using Data, especially broadband, in the next 8-10 years. EMS will desire to send live video of patients back to the ETMC Level 1 Trauma Center while police and sheriff's units will want to receive/transmit photos, fingerprints and video real-time to/from their vehicles. Rural East Texas offers a variety of challenges to implementing data which calls for a unique flexibility in data system selection. With all of these users having different communications requirements and with technology moving at such a rapid pace, it would be detrimental to ETMC EMS if we are not afforded various choices of data network implementations. We agree that having a nationwide data network would be advantageous for interoperability, however, the unknowns (lack of cost effectiveness to implement in our sparsely populated area, cost to the user groups, network support required for public safety agencies, etc), we feel that allowing privately owned wideband and broadband data networks is of utmost importance

for ETMC EMS. We feel that allowing privately owned networks and implementing a nationwide system will provide the most tangible benefits to our users today and for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,

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